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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2;

Remarks are included beginning on page 8; and

Authorization is included on page 17.